

District Judge Robert S. Lasnik

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

ARTUR ATAYANTS,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION SERVICES,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:24-cv-01986-RSL

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND
ORDER

Plaintiff brought this litigation pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and Mandamus Act seeking, *inter alia*, to compel the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) to adjudicate his Form I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal. Defendant’s response to the Complaint is currently due on February 25, 2025. The parties are currently working towards a resolution to this litigation. For good cause, the parties request that the Court hold the case in abeyance until August 27, 2025.

Courts have “broad discretion” to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706 (1997). “[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for

1 counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ.
2 P. 1.

3 With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial
4 intervention. USCIS has scheduled Plaintiff’s asylum interview for April 29, 2025. USCIS
5 agrees to diligently work towards completing the adjudication within 120 days of the interview,
6 absent unforeseen or exceptional circumstances that would require additional time for
7 adjudication. If the adjudication is not completed within that time, USCIS will provide a status
8 report to the Court.

9 Plaintiff will submit all supplemental documents and evidence, if any, to USCIS seven to
10 ten days prior to the interview date. Plaintiff recognizes that failure to submit documents prior to
11 the interview may require the interview to be rescheduled and the adjudication delayed. If
12 needed, Plaintiff will bring an interpreter to the interview, otherwise the interview will need to be
13 rescheduled and the adjudication delayed. After the interview, USCIS will need time to
14 adjudicate Plaintiff’s asylum application. Once the application is adjudicated, Plaintiff will
15 dismiss the case with each party to bear their own litigation costs and attorneys’ fees.
16 Accordingly, the parties request this abeyance to allow USCIS to conduct Plaintiff’s asylum
17 interview and then process his asylum application.

18 As additional time is necessary for this to occur, the parties request that the Court hold
19 the case in abeyance until August 27, 2025. The parties will submit a joint status report on or
20 before August 27, 2025.

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1 Dated: February 12, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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8 ***I certify that this memorandum contains***
9 ***379 words, in compliance with the Local***
10 ***Civil Rules.***

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ORDER

The case is held in abeyance until August 27, 2025. The parties shall submit a joint status report on or before August 27, 2025. It is so **ORDERED**.

DATED this 14th day of February, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R S Lasnik", written over a horizontal line.

ROBERT S. LASNIK
United States District Judge